

Secondary Transition Regional Team Grant

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The Nebraska Department of Education Office of Special Education is pleased to announce the availability of funds for transition projects. These grant funds are intended to support collaboration with school districts and ESUs within the *Transition Region area, in the development and maintenance of a regional transition team, and innovative transition efforts throughout the region and Nebraska.

***Transition Region-** School districts and ESU within ESU's as listed: **South East-** ESU 4, 5, 6, 18; **Metro-** ESU 2, 3, 19; **Northeast-** ESU 1, 7, 8; **Central-** ESU 9, 10, 11, 15; **Western-** ESU 13, 14, 16, 17)

Each Transition Region may be awarded \$4,000.00, and up to \$7,000 if a second community college activity is planned per transition region. Federal funds for these projects are provided by the Nebraska Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education.

Qualification and Guides:

Grant projects are funded for one year. Projects should be focused and demonstrate collaboration with region school districts in developing or enhancing secondary transition services available to students with disabilities through a **regional team approach**. The following are examples of grant activities:

- ✚ Support Transition Agency Fair or an event that recognizes or celebrates the employment of youth with disabilities
- ✚ Host a career/community college fair at a Nebraska Community College (*Central, Mid-Plains, Northeast, Southeast, and Western*) Regional Teams who host more than 1 career day at a Nebraska Community College may apply for an additional \$3,000. (*Maximum Transition Region Grant total - \$7,000*)
- ✚ Transition Webinars
- ✚ Publication of materials such as Transition newsletter, Transition Guide, Transition Resource Directory, Transition Portfolios for students

- ✦ Team meetings – room rental, refreshments, postage, printing, substitutes
- ✦ Mileage/stipend reimbursement to consumers or parents to attend meetings
- ✦ Host Transition Information Night, Community Resource Fair, Get Acquainted Event, etc. for parents and students
- ✦ Consultant fee to facilitate development of a strategic plan or to provide a presentation on a transition-related topic
- ✦ Provide tours of work centers and day programs to parents of special needs students
- ✦ Consultant fee to provide training for parents of youth in transition
- ✦ Curriculum Development– i.e.life skills, self-advocacy, career exploration, transition planning
- ✦ Host interview forum for high school and young adult students utilizing community business partners
- ✦ Support an activity regarding recreation/skill development for youth in transition

Grant funds may not be used for the following:

- ✦ To purchase equipment including computers
- ✦ Out of state travel
- ✦ Ongoing operating expenses
- ✦ Construction or renovation costs
- ✦ Direct services for transition students
- ✦ Staff FTE supported by the grant

State Transition Advisory Committee Representation:

In order to provide teams with state updates, a representative from each regional team should be designated to serve one year on the state Transition Advisory Committee (TAC). This committee meets three times a year in Lincoln(*media participation available*). The representative is expected to attend the meetings and will then be responsible for sharing updates during the TAC meeting of regional activities, as well as taking information back to the team. Expenses to attend these meetings will be reimbursed through this regional team grant.

Timeline:

Projects will begin October 1, 2013, and must be completed by August 15, 2014.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must use the attached format. Applications can be mailed, hand-delivered, emailed or faxed and should be sent to **Rita Hammitt** at the Office of Special Education (address included). It is the applicant's responsibility to check to see if the Office of Special Education received the application.

Applications are due on **Friday, June 28, 2013** by 5:00 p.m. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide a narrative report at the end of the budget year describing the outcomes of their grant-funded projects/activities for inclusion in a transition publication and the Transition website. Grantees will also be asked to submit accounting statements in order to be reimbursed and will be expected to submit all required paperwork in a timely manner prior to the end of the budget year.

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APPLICATION FOR **REGIONAL TEAM GRANT**

Name of School District or Educational Service Unit:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Federal Tax Identification Number:

Grant Amount Requested(*Team grants may not exceed \$7,000*):

1. The regional team grant requires partnerships among agencies, schools, and families. Grant guidelines require representation on your planning committee of a team of agency personnel, school staff, and parents (regions are identified in the map included). List below the name and the role of each of your team members:
2. How often will your planning team meet (list dates/activities):
3. What are the activities or events you will be funding with the grant? (Attach a budget outlining the specific costs related to your project.)
4. How will these activities enhance transition services across the entire region?

5. Is this a new project or has it operated before? If so, what were the results?

6. The regional team representative designated to attend the Transition Advisory Committee meetings (3) during the 2012-2013 year:

Name:

Position:

Email:

Phone Number:

Return Application To:
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